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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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### REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests permission to amend the drawings of the above application. The proposed changes are indicated in red of the photocopies of Figs. 6, 7, 8, 13, and 16 attached.

Attached:

New Figs. 6, 7, 8, 13, and 16 with changes in red - 3 pages.

Respectfully Submitted,

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